

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

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7. (Currently Amended) A drum type washing machine comprising:
a front cover on a front of the washing machine;
side covers each for protecting a side of the washing machine;
a back cover for protecting a rear of the washing machine;
a top cover for protecting a top side of the washing machine;
a control panel for ~~operation of~~ operating the washing machine and displaying a state of washing;
a panel frame provided at a rear of the control panel and supporting the control panel;
and
at least one top cover supporting member mounted on the panel frame; ~~and~~ and
supporting the top cover with being in contact with a bottom of the top cover.
~~a top cover supported on the top cover supporting member.~~
8. (Original) The drum type washing machine as claimed in claim 7, wherein the top cover supporting member includes at least one hook for fastening to the front panel, and the panel frame includes a hook fastening slot for fastening the hook thereto.

9. (Original) The drum type washing machine as claimed in claim 8, wherein the hook is formed at an upper front edge of a body of the top cover supporting member.

10. (Original) The drum type washing machine as claimed in claim 8, wherein the top cover is placed, and supported on an upper portion of the top cover supporting member.

11. (Currently Amended) The drum type washing machine as claimed in claim 10, wherein the hook has a '—' channel shaped section, so that the hook can be fastened to the hook fastening slot in a state the hook is in close contact with an upper, and a lower surfaces of the hook fastening slot.

12. (Original) The drum type washing machine as claimed in claim 7, wherein the top cover supporting member is formed of polyacetal.

13. (Original) The drum type washing machine as claimed in claim 1, wherein the top cover includes a base metal having enamel coated on a surface thereof.

14. (Currently Amended) A drum type washing machine comprising:
a front cover on a front of the washing machine;
a door ~~on a center of~~ provided at a front of the front cover;
side covers each for protecting a side of the washing machine;
a back cover for protecting a rear of the washing machine;
a top cover for protecting a top side of the washing machine; ~~and~~
a control panel for operating the washing machine and displaying a state of washing;
a panel frame provided at a rear of the control panel and supporting the control panel;
a backwardly recessed bead formed on an upper portion of ~~a vertical~~ the panel frame
~~on an upper portion of the front cover~~, for supporting the top cover; and
at least one top cover supporting member mounted on the panel frame for supporting the top cover together with the bead, wherein the bead and the top cover supporting member both support the top cover with being in contact with a bottom of the top. cover.

15. (Original) The drum type washing machine as claimed in claim 14, wherein the bead is formed by a forming process in which a predetermined area of an upper portion of the panel frame is incised horizontally at a predetermined length, and applying a pressure from front to rear.

16. (Original) The drum type washing machine as claimed in claim 14, wherein the top cover supporting member includes at least one hook for fastening to the front panel.

17. (Original) The drum type washing machine as claimed in claim 16, wherein the panel frame includes a hook fastening slot for fastening the hook thereto.

18. (Currently Amended) The drum type washing machine as claimed in claim 17, wherein the hook has a '—' channel shaped section, so that the hook can be fastened to the hook fastening slot in a state the hook is in close contact with an upper, and a lower surfaces of the hook fastening slot.

19. (Original) The drum type washing machine as claimed in claim 14, wherein the top cover supporting member is formed of polyacetal.

20. (Original) The drum type washing machine as claimed in claim 14, wherein the top cover includes a base metal having enamel coated on a surface thereof.

21. (New) The drum type washing machine as claimed in claim 7, wherein the panel frame has a concave portion, and the top cover supporting member has a convex portion seated in the concave portion to allow the top cover supporting member to be closely contact with the panel frame.

22. (New) The drum type washing machine as claimed in claim 14, wherein the panel frame has a concave portion, and the top cover supporting member has a convex portion seated in the concave portion to allow the top cover supporting member to be closely contact with the panel frame.